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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Ralf HIMMELREICH, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3167

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For: A RAPID AND LOW COST METHOD FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACID

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2009. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.